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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 950

Introduced by Assembly Member Coto

February 18, 2005

An act relating to teachers, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 950, as amended, Coto. Teachers: English language learner project.

Existing law permits a teacher with a basic teaching credential to be assigned to provide specially designed content instruction delivered in English, as defined, to limited-English-proficient pupils only if certain conditions are met, including that the teacher complete, before January 1, 2008, 45 clock hours of staff development in methods of specially designed content instruction delivered in English. Existing law provides for the establishment of guidelines for that staff development.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to select ~~15~~ 10 applicant school districts to participate in an English language learner staff development action research project administered pursuant to this ~~act~~ *bill* in the 2006–07 school year, as specified. The bill would appropriate \$150,000 from the General Fund *in order* to make grants of \$14,000 to participating school districts for those purposes. ~~Because the bill would require the participation of specified school districts, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.~~

The bill would require that the appropriation be included in the amounts appropriated by the state in the 2005–06 fiscal year for

purposes of meeting the state's minimum funding obligation to school districts and community college districts under Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution for that fiscal year.

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~ *no*.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The State Department of Education shall
- 2 select ~~15~~ *10 applicant* school districts to participate in an English
- 3 language learner staff development action research project
- 4 administered pursuant to this act in the 2006–07 school year;
- 5 ~~including all of the following:~~
- 6 ~~(1) Los Angeles Unified School District.~~
- 7 ~~(2) San Diego Unified School District.~~
- 8 ~~(3) Long Beach Unified School District.~~
- 9 ~~(4) Santa Ana Unified School District.~~
- 10 ~~(5) Fresno Unified School District.~~
- 11 ~~(6) Stockton City Unified School District.~~
- 12 ~~(7) San Jose Unified School District.~~
- 13 ~~(8) San Francisco Unified School District.~~
- 14 ~~(9) Oakland Unified School District.~~
- 15 ~~(10) Sacramento City Unified School District.~~
- 16 (b) (1) The department shall evaluate a proposal for funding
- 17 of an applicant school district and award a grant in an amount
- 18 equal to fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to a participating
- 19 school district for the purpose of conducting a one-year action
- 20 research project for an action research project team.
- 21 (2) An action research project team shall be composed of no
- 22 less than three and no more than five classroom teachers, and the
- 23 principal of the school at which the team operates.
- 24 (c) A grant shall be used for costs derived from the
- 25 development and implementation of an action research project.

(d) An action research project shall include all of the following:

- (1) A problem statement based on available data.
- (2) A background statement regarding the problem identified pursuant to paragraph (1).
- (3) A purpose statement regarding the project.
- (4) Research questions designed to guide the team from the purpose of the project to a solution.
- (5) A review of existing data regarding English language learning including research, data, and best practices, and an annotation of no less than 20 publications regarding English language learning.
- (6) A formulated plan.
- (7) Implementation of the plan formulated pursuant to paragraph (6).
- (8) Evaluation of the implementation of the plan.

(e) An action research project shall submit five copies of its report regarding the project to the department no later than September 1, 2007. The department shall maintain an electronic version of the report on its Web site.

SEC. 2. (a) The sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Department of Education for the purposes of Section 1 of this act.

(b) For the purposes of making computations required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the appropriation made by this section shall be deemed to be "General Fund revenues appropriated to school districts," as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 41202 of the Education Code for the 2005–06 fiscal year and be included within the "total allocations to school districts and community college districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B," as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code for the 2005–06 fiscal year.

~~SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~

- 1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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